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## Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

James M Hewitt

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### Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicant is urged to submit any relevant documents that could be considered relevant to the claimed invention(s).

### ***Specification***

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the numerals should be in parentheses. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1-7 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1 line 11, "the rear side" should be replaced with "a rear side".

In claim 1 line 12, "the bore" should be replaced with "a bore".

In claim 1 line 19, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 1 line 22, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 1 line 25, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 2 line 11, "the rear side" should be replaced with "a rear side".

In claim 2 line 12, "the bore" should be replaced with "a bore".

In claim 2 line 19, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 2 line 22, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 2 line 25, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 3 line 11, "the rear side" should be replaced with "a rear side".

In claim 3 line 12, "the bore" should be replaced with "a bore".

In claim 3 line 16, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 3 line 19, the comma should be deleted.

In claim 6 line 6, "said marking portions" lacks antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3 lines 22-23, it is unclear as to which direction "the direction of circumference of said outer circumferential surface" defines.

In claim 4 lines 2-3, it is unclear as to which direction "the direction of circumference of the bore peripheral face" defines.

In claim 4 lines 5-6, it is unclear as to which direction "the direction of circumference of said stopper portion" defines.

In claim 5 lines 2-3, it is unclear as to which direction "the direction of circumference of the bore peripheral face of said internally threaded bore" defines.

In claim 5 lines 5-6, it is unclear as to which direction "the direction of circumference of said stopper portion" defines.

In claim 6 lines 2-4, it is unclear how a surface (i.e. the outer circumferential surface) has a diameter.

Note that in making corrections to address these rejections, Applicant should also correct the specification accordingly and where appropriate.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 3-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-2 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to overcome the above noted informalities (see ***Claim Objections*** above).

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M Hewitt whose telephone number is 703-305-0552. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 930am-600pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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